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## **MOBILIZATION OF CALIFORNIA TASK FORCE 2**

This morning, our California Task Force 2 (CA-TF2) Heavy Rescue team received a mobilization order from the United States Agency for International Development Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID-OFDA) to prepare to respond a 74-member USAR team, including six canines, to Chile to assist the government with technical rescue operations and humanitarian aid, following the 8.8 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Maule.

At this time, USAID officials are finalizing logistical details and are in dialogue with the government of Chile regarding their specific needs. All costs associated with the Department's involvement in this international disaster are fully reimbursable under the current cooperative agreement that exists between USAID-OFDA and the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

At this time, we do not have a departure date and time. As more information on the team's deployment status is known, we will provide an update.

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